

From: [Smith, Monica](#)
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Subject: RE: Statement for Review/Edits/Approval - WITH MY EDITS _ I am READY TO APPROVE AND SEND
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Desk Statement

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Here is updated desk statement:

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Sincerely,

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